

Applicants herewith elect group (I), Claims 1 to 10, with traverse.

Traversal of the Examiner's election and restriction requirement is deemed appropriate since the present application was filed under 35 U.S.C. §371. Restriction of the application is therefore governed by the provisions of PCT Rule 13, and the guidelines for restriction of applications filed under 35 U.S.C. §111 which are provided in MPEP §800 are not applicable¹).

It is further respectfully noted that applicants' Claims 11 to 15 specifically require that the process be conducted in the apparatus defined in Claim 1. As such, the apparatus is specifically designed for carrying out applicants' process. In accordance with the guidelines provided in the PCT Administrative Instructions, Annex B, Part 1, subsection (e), the requirement of unity of invention under PCT Rule 13 permits the combination of claims drawn to a process and to an apparatus in such a situation. Restriction of the application is, therefore, not deemed to be required by the pertinent provisions.

Withdrawal of the Examiner's restriction requirement is respectfully solicited.

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1) Compare MPEP §801.